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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Sanitary Condition of the  
District, for the year 1938.

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Rural District Council of Wimborne  
and Cranborne.

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GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to submit to you our  
Annual Report for the year 1938.


C. B. THOMSON, M.O.H.

W. G. HALL, S.I. & B.S.

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		M.	F.
LIVE BIRTHS	Total	145	141
Legitimate	...	140	131
Illegitimate	...	5	10
STILLBIRTHS	Total	2	5
Legitimate	...	2	4
Illegitimate	..	—	1



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*Area (in acres) 80,862.*

*Est. Population for 1938, 18,330.*

*No. of Inhabited Houses 6,222 (March, 1939).*

*Rateable Value £101,556.*

*Sum represented by a Penny Rate, £403 18s. 11d. (March, 1938).*

## **Social Conditions and Chief Occupations.**

The Eastern portion of the District comprising the Parishes of Verwood, West Parley, Hampreston, Colehill and Corfe Mullen is fast developing as a residential area. The remainder of the district is almost wholly agricultural. Dairy Farms are numerous, some of them large, supplying not only the District but sending large quantities of milk to Bournemouth, Southampton and London. The only factories or works in the District are a large paper mill at Witchampton and a dairy and cheese factory at Sturminster Marshall and brickworks at Alderholt, Verwood, Hampreston and Corfe Mullen.

A considerable area of the District consists of pine woods, common lands and downs. Private Estates are situated within the District and embrace practically the whole of several Parishes.

### *Extract of Vital Statistics of the Year.*

		M.	F.
LIVE BIRTHS	Total		
Legitimate	...	Figures not yet available.	
Illegitimate	...		
STILLBIRTHS	Total		
Legitimate	...		
Illegitimate	..		
DEATHS under 1 year	Total	6	5
Legitimate	...	6	5
Illegitimate	...	—	—

### *Public Health Officers of the Authority.*

One Medical Officer of Health (part time).

One Sanitary Inspector, Certificated Inspector Royal Sanitary Institute, Certificated Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

One additional Sanitary Inspector, Certified Inspector R.S.I.



## Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

### *Water.*

The supply at Verwood has again proved adequate to meet the growing needs of the Parish. During December evidence of contamination was discovered and the necessary steps taken to overcome the difficulty including sterilization of reservoir, intakes and new pipe lines. Subsequent analyses of the supply showed that the contamination had been eliminated.

The scheme for Cranborne was put into operation on 24th October, 1938. The supply has proved satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Analyses have been made of public supplies, the majority of which were reported upon as being free from contamination. Two exceptions were the public supplies at Hinton Martell and Witchampton. Communications were addressed to the owners of these two supplies intimating that adverse reports on the quality of the water had been received and asking them to take all possible steps to effect improvement. Consumers were also advised as to the necessity of boiling all water.

### *Drainage and Sewerage.*

No progress has been made in abating the unsatisfactory conditions at Cranborne, Colehill, Hampreston and West Parley, although it is hoped that a decision regarding the latter parishes will be reached early in the New Year.

### *Closet Accommodation.*

In parishes where a piped water supply is available a large number of houses have been connected to the main and wherever possible water carriage drainage systems have been installed. It should be noted that with the provision of a piped water supply the need for main drainage in closely built up areas becomes more imperative.

### *Public Cleansing.*

The position remains unchanged as regards the acquisition of a suitable site for disposal plant.

### *Sanitary Inspection of the Area.*

Complaints made are still in respect of difficulties with drainage and nuisance arising from the occupation of land as gipsy encampments. Main drainage when provided will obviate the former but action in regard to gipsy encampments is still difficult. It was hoped that the action taken under the Public Health Act, 1936, relating to camping without licences would help matters considerably but apart

from obtaining convictions in every case and the temporary departure of some of those proceeded against, very little improvement has been effected.

<i>Sanitary Inspections.</i>	No. of Inspections	...	879
	No. of Informal Notices	91	No. complied with 85
	No. of Statutory Notices	0	No. complied with 0

*Shops.*

No action was found necessary under the Shops Act, 1934.

*Smoke Abatement.*

No action necessary.

*Swimming Baths and Pools.*

None in the district.

*Eradication of Bed Bugs.*

No action necessary as no evidence of infestation was found during the year in any class of property.

*Schools.*

One complaint was received in respect of a School water supply but an analysis proved it to be pure and fit for drinking.

### **Housing Statistics.**

1. *Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year—*

1	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	501
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		529
2	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	...	165
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		165
3	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	9
4	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	62

2. *Remedy of defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	...	147
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### 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—

(a)—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.		
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—		
(a) By owners.		
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners		Nil
(b)—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.		
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—		
(a) By owners.		
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners		Nil
(c)—Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made ...		7
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...		12
(d)—Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:		
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...		1
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...		Nil

### 4. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV.—Overcrowding.

(a) 1. Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ...			30
2. Number of families dwelling therein ...			31
3. Number of persons dwelling therein ...			164
(b) 1. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ...			Nil
(c) 1. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ...			5
2. Number of persons concerned in such cases			63



- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... Nil

The details relating to overcrowding include the families of gipsies living in the Parish of West Parley. Action was taken against the owners on whose land the structures are erected and a fine and daily penalty imposed under the Public Health Act, 1936.

Action in respect of unfit cottage property is still being continued and where such action involves re-conditioning or re-construction the advantages of the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts are brought to the notice of the owners. The reason that assistance under this Act has not been more extensively used is that in the majority of cases property owners prefer to agree to demolition rather than spend on re-conditioning and then be restricted under the Act to a rent considerably below the average of similar properties in the area. In the majority of cases where an owner has availed himself of the assistance under the Act the properties have been "tied" cottages which were essential let with a farm.

The Council has erected 18 cottages during the year in various parishes to meet the demand for replacement or additional houses. 30 are in course of erection and will shortly be completed.

#### *Plans and New Buildings.*

During the year 227 plans were deposited relating to:—

65 dwelling-houses.

93 bungalows.

77 alterations and additions.

70 shops and garages, etc.

109 new dwelling-houses were completed during the year.

#### *Inspection and Supervision of Food.*

The gradual improvement of Cowshed and Dairy premises is still being pursued and some of the worst properties in the area have now been properly reconditioned. Although progress is slow and acceleration might be wished for, it is thought more desirable to pursue a gradual and informal policy. With the opening of the new County Laboratory at the end of the year, it is understood that facilities are now available for the examination of samples of milk and it is to be hoped that a scheme of routine examinations of milk supplies (particularly ungraded milk) will shortly be formulated.

*Cowsheds and Dairies.*

No. of Persons on Register at end of 1938	...	315
No. of Dairy Farms and other dairy premises on Register at end of 1938	...	326
No. of Dairy Farms inspected during 1938	...	193
No. of Inspections during 1938	...	211
No. of Notices served 9.	No. complied with	9
No. of Milkshops inspected during 1938	...	4
No. of inspections	...	6
No. of Notices served	...	Nil

*Pasteurised Milk.*

No. of Pasteurising Plants in District	...	1
Name of Licencees, United Dairies, Ltd., Bailey Gate.		

*Slaughter Houses.*

The amount of home killed meat is still declining particularly with regard to the number of carcasses of beef. Informal reminders as regards periodical limewashing have obtained satisfactory results.

*Meat Regulations, 1924.*

There are 14 slaughter houses in the area, 9 of which are licenced annually.

225 notices of occasional slaughtering were received. This is an increase over last year due to the fact that certain persons from whom notices of regular slaughtering had been accepted reverted to a system of separate notifications.

No. of routine visits	...	271
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**Carcases inspected and condemned.**

		Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	...	—	—	—	—	—
Number inspected	...	23	45	11	423	601
All diseases except Tuberculosis.						
Whole carcasses condemned	..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	2	1	—	2	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	...	8.7	2.2	—	0.4	0.8
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned	...	—	2	—	—	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	—	1	—	—	45
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	...	—	6.6	—	—	8.0

*Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.*

35 persons are licenced under the Act.

*Knacker's Yards.*

The existing premises (1) were found to be kept in a satisfactory condition at each inspection.

An application was received in respect of premises in the Parish of Sturminster Marshall and was refused.

**Petroleum Consolidation Act, 1928.****Petroleum Carbide of Calcium Order, 1929**

Petroleum Licences— Renewals ... 58

**Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928.**

The following is a list of samples taken in the District during the year ended 31st December, 1938 :—

Description of Sample.	No. of Samples obtained.	No. of Samples reported against.
Baking Powder ...	1	—
Beer ...	2	—
Boracic Ointment ...	1	—
Brandy ...	1	—
Bread and Butter ...	1	—
Camphorated Oil ...	1	—
Cheese ...	2	—
Coffee Essence and Chicory	1	—
Coffee (Ground) ...	1	—
Custard Powder ...	1	—
Epsom Salts ...	1	—
Iodine, Tincture of ...	1	—
Jam ...	1	—
Liquorice Powder Compound	1	—
Milk ...	28	5
Oatmeal ...	1	—
Orange Jelly ...	1	—
Petroleum Jelly ...	1	—
Pineapple (Tinned) ...	1	—
Sago ...	1	—
Soda, Bicarbonate of ...	1	—
Sugar ...	1	—
Sweets ...	1	—
Totals	52	5



Action taken with regard to samples adversely reported on :—

Milk.	Deficient in fat to the extent of 1%	Seller cautioned.
Milk.	Contained 2% Extraneous water	„ „
Milk.	Deficient in fat to the extent of 8%	„ „
*Milk.	Contained 5·3% of Extraneous water	„ „
†Milk.	Contained 10·3% of „ „	Seller prosecuted and case dismiss- ed under Proba- tion of Offenders Act on payment of £5 5s. costs.

\*Original sample.

†Corresponding sample taken  
on delivery.

### *Isolation Hospital Accommodation.*

- (a) Infectious disease and Puerperal Fever—  
Alderney Isolation Hospital, Poole.
- (b) Small-pox—  
Poole Small-pox Hospital.

### *Ambulance Facilities.*

- (a) Infectious cases—  
Alderney Isolation Hospital, Poole Ambulance.
- (b) Accidents—Wimborne Ambulance.  
The arrangements are satisfactory.

### *Immunisation against Diphtheria.*

Middlehill School, 75 children immunised against Diphtheria. Schick testing not carried out.

## **Maternity and Child Welfare.**

### *Maternal Deaths.*

- (a) Number of women who died in, or in consequence of childbirth in this District:
 

1	From sepsis	...	Nil.
2	From other causes	...	Nil.
- (b) Number of cases which died:
 

1	At home	...	Nil.
2	In Institution	...	Nil.



## Infectious Diseases.

The number of cases notified of each disease and removals to hospital in 1938 and total Deaths.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Enteric Fever	3	2	0
Pneumonia	3	0	0
Scarlet Fever	16	9	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Measles	0	0	0
Bacillary Dysentery	0	0	0
Typhoid	0	0	0
Diphtheria	4	4	0
Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	1	0
	—	—	—
Totals	33	16	0

Puerperal Pyrexia ... 5  
Ophthalmic Neonatorium ... Nil.

## Tuberculosis.

*New cases during 1938.*

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...
1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
20	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
25	1	1	...	...	..	1	...	...
35	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
45	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
55	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
& up-wards								
Total	5	3	4	—	1	4	—	—

## Causes of Deaths in Wimborne and Cranborne R.D., 1938.

Causes of Death.		M.	F.
ALL CAUSES	...	105	114
1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	...	0	0
2 Measles	...	0	0
3 Scarlet fever	...	0	0
4 Whooping cough	...	0	1
5 Diphtheria	...	0	0
6 Influenza	...	1	1
7 Encephalitis lethargica	...	0	0
8 Cerebro-spinal fever	...	0	0
9 Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	1	5
10 Other tuberculosis	...	1	1
11 Syphilis	...	0	0
12 General paralysis of the insane, tabes, etc.	...	0	0
13 Cancer	...	15	17
14 Diabetes	...	1	2
15 Cerebral hæmorrhage, etc.	...	5	7
16 Heart disease	...	28	32
17 Aneurysm	...	0	0
18 Other circulatory diseases	...	9	8
19 Bronchitis	...	1	5
20 Pneumonia (all forms)	...	2	5
21 Other respiratory diseases	...	0	1
22 Peptic Ulcer	...	1	1
23 Diærrhœa, under 2 years	...	1	0
24 Appendicitis	...	1	0
25 Cirrhosis of liver	...	2	0
26 Other liver diseases	...	0	2
27 Other digestive diseases	...	5	1
28 Acute and chronic nephritis	...	2	2
29 Puerperal sepsis	...	0	0
30 Other puerperal diseases	...	0	0
31 Congenital debility, premature birth, etc.	...	3	4
32 Senility	...	10	9
33 Suicide	...	3	1
34 Other Violence	...	7	1
35 Other defined diseases	...	6	8
36 Ill defined or unknown	...	0	0
Special Causes (included under No. 35)—			
Smallpox	...	0	0
Poliomyelitis	...	0	0
Polio-encephalitis	...	0	0

# Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates, and Case-rates for cer- tain Infectious Diseases in the year 1938.

England and Wales, London, 126 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns.

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns).

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Popula- tions 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census	London Administrative County
Rates per 1,000 Population				
BIRTHS—				
Live     ...     ...     ...	15.1	15.0	15.4	13.4
Still     ...     ...     ...	0.60	0.65	0.60	0.48
DEATHS—				
All causes     ...     ...	11.6	11.7	11.0	11.4
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Small-pox     ...     ...	0.00	...	0.00	...
Measles     ...     ...	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.06
Scarlet Fever     ...     ...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Whooping Cough     ...     ...	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03
Diphtheria     ...     ...	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05
Influenza     ...     ...	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.06
NOTIFICATIONS—				
Small-pox     ...     ...	0.00	0.00	0.00	...
Scarlet Fever     ...     ...	2.41	2.60	2.58	2.05
Diphtheria     ...     ...	1.58	1.85	1.53	1.90
Enteric Fever     ...     ...	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05
Erysipelas     ...     ...	0.40	0.46	0.39	0.46
Pneumonia     ...     ...	1.10	1.28	0.98	0.98
Rates per 1,000 Live Births				
Deaths under 1 year of age     ...	5.3	5.7	5.1	5.7
Deaths from Diarrhoea & Enteritis under 2 years of age     ...	5.5	7.8	3.6	13.1
MATERNAL MORTALITY—				
Puerperal Sepsis     ...     ...	0.89	Not available		
Others     ...     ...     ...	2.19			
Total     ...     ...     ...	3.08			
Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live and Still).				
MATERNAL MORTALITY—				
Puerperal Sepsis     ...     ...	0.86	Not available		
Others     ...     ...     ...	2.11			
Total     ...     ...     ...	2.97			
NOTIFICATIONS—				
Puerperal Fever     ...     ...     }	14.42	18.08	12.51	3.53
Puerperal Pyrexia     ...     ...     }				15.46

### List of Certified Midwives.

The following is a list of Midwives practising in the District.

Name.	Address.
Agnes Ball	Summerhayes Nursing Home, Kinson
Ethel Violet Cooper	Badbury View, Crichel
Lilian Lucia Cox	18, Howeth Rd., Ensbury, B'mouth
Nita Gertrude Lina Dodd	Newnham, West Moors
Constance E. Duffett	Sunnydene, Verwood
Annie Frances Farrow	The Nutshell, Verwood
Amy Freeman	Batterley Drove, Cranborne
Mary Jane Gameson	Ellen Cottage, Sturminster Marshall
Mabel Eunice Higgs	Gaunts Common, Holt
Lavina Eva Podbury	Cogdean, East End, Corfe Mullen
Ida Marsh Rouse	Summerhayes Nursing Home, Bear Cross
Alice Savage	Glenfield, Colehill
Lilian Daphne Sheppard	No. 15, Council Houses, Handley
Eileen Sarah Smith	Castle Street, Cranborne
Mabel Stevens	Wimborne St. Giles
Mrs. A. M. Hodder	9, Gaunts, Wimborne

The following is a list of Registered Nursing Homes in the County (excluding the Boroughs of Poole and Weymouth) :—

	Name of Person Registered	Address
Blandford	Miss G. E. Percy	1, East Street, Blandford
Bridport	Mrs. E. F. Green	"Valencia," Pymore Road, Bridport
Charmouth	Mrs. E. Hodges	Bay View, Higher Sea Lane, Charmouth
Lyme Regis	Miss Carter-Brown	Squires Mead, Char- mouth Rd., Lyme Regis.
Corfe Castle	Mr. G. S. Boston	West Bucknowle House, Corfe Castle
Swanage	Miss Irene Pounds	Rosegarth, Burlington Road, Swanage
Swanage	Miss N. M. Purdie	"The Downs," Sey- mouth Road, Swanage
Wimborne	Miss Stanford	Cotterfield, Cranborne
Wimborne	Mrs. A. M. Hodder	9, Gaunts, Wimborne





